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This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application.
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- ☐ This application has been examined ☐ Responsive to communication filed on _____ ☐ This action is made final.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire Three month(s), _____ days from the date of this letter.
Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133

Part I THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(S) ARE PART OF THIS ACTION:

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-892. | 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Art Cited by Applicant, PTO-1449. | 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152. |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes, PTO-1474. | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |

Part II SUMMARY OF ACTION

1. ☒ Claims 1-9 are pending in the application.
Of the above, claims _____ are withdrawn from consideration.
2. ☐ Claims _____ have been cancelled.
3. ☐ Claims _____ are allowed.
4. ☒ Claims 1-9 are rejected.
5. ☐ Claims _____ are objected to.
6. ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.
7. ☐ This application has been filed with Informal drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.85 which are acceptable for examination purposes.
8. ☐ Formal drawings are required in response to this Office action.
9. ☐ The corrected or substituted drawings have been received on _____. Under 37 C.F.R. 1.84 these drawings are ☐ acceptable; ☐ not acceptable (see explanation or Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948).
10. ☐ The proposed additional or substitute sheet(s) of drawings, filed on _____, has (have) been ☐ approved by the examiner; ☐ disapproved by the examiner (see explanation).
11. ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed _____, has been ☐ approved; ☐ disapproved (see explanation).
12. ☒ Acknowledgement is made of the claim fee under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has ☒ been received ☐ not been received.
☐ been filed in parent application, serial _____; filed on _____.
13. ☐ Since this application appears to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.
14. ☐ Other

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STATEMENT OF STATUTORY BASIS, 35 U.S.C. 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

102 (b) ACTIVITY MORE THAN ONE -YEAR PRIOR TO FILING

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

REJECTION, 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) PATENT OR PUBLICATION

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. pat. 5,166,427 published 24 Nov. 1992 or DE 19943844 published 13 Sept. 1999.

Both references are directed to a method for the preparation of acyl chloride by reacting a carboxylic acid with phosgene in the presence of N, N-dialkyl-formamide. The product, acyl chloride, is 97% pure. Granted that the reference introduces the N,N diakyl-formamide in the reaction mixture, the N, N dialkyl formamide is added in excess with respect to the carboxylic acid. Applicants have not established a higher degree of purity if the N, N dialkylform-amide is added subsequent to the preparation of the acyl holide.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul Killos whose telephone number is 703-308-0135. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday; alternate Mondays 9 am-3 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Johann Richter can be reached on 703-308-4532. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1235.

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